

# AMENDED CLUBS



## BENNETTSBRIDGE

### Adult Hurling

Our senior team performed well this year. After a mixed league campaign where we defeated Ballyhale Shamrocks and Erin's Own, drew with James Stephens and lost out to Graigue Ballycallan and Glenmore we defeated Tullaroan and Glenmore to reach the championship semi final where we lost narrowly to O Loughlins. Our junior B team reached the league final where we lost out to James Stephens. We lost out to Tullogher in the championship after defeating Fenians in the first round. Our junior E team played well in the league but lost out in the quarterfinals to Danesfort by two points after defeating O Loughlins in the opening round. Our footballers won silverware in defeating Galmoy in the junior league final. We won through to the championship final but lost to St Patrick's by two points. We were represented by David Blanchfield in senior intercounty hurling while Bill Hughes played under 20 with Kilkenny. David's performances earned him a deserved All Star nomination. Thanks to all the players and management teams for their efforts during the year. Christy Walsh managed the Kilkenny footballers while James Carroll and Kevin Blanchfield played on the team.

### Underage Games

We had a successful year underage in 2023. Our minor football team won the Roinn C championship. Our under 15 hurlers won the Roinn C Championship with a great win over Glenmore in the final. They also won the Feile shield final defeating Durrow from Offaly in the final. Our under 13 team were also crowned county champions after defeating Carrickshock in a nail biting final in the Roinn B grade. Our minor hurlers were young and played in the B championship where they were competitive in most games. Bill Hughes, James Hughes and Timmy Kelly won all Ireland colleges medal with St Kieran's while Alex O Farrell won the Leinster junior final also with St Kieran's. Jamie Walsh was a playing member of the Kilkenny under 14 team, our under 11, under 9 and under 7 teams played plenty of games and improved greatly during the year. Well done to all underage players this year. We also hosted the Annual Mickey Kelly Tournament. Thanks to all mentors who looked after underage teams this year.

### Condolences

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to all members who lost loved ones this year. We particularly remember Phil Cullen, Frankie Ryan, Eamon Lawlor, Ciss Moran, Joe Conlon, Bridget Forristal, Pauline Dowling and Frankie Mahon. May they rest in peace.

### Other Club news

On the fundraising front we ran a golf classic, field day and tractor run. We also had our split the pot draws and had a scrap collection in the summer. A summer and Easter camp for primary school kids also took place year in the hurling pitch. We also produced a healthy club newsletter monthly. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with fundraising, stewarding etc again this year. All your help is greatly appreciated.



Bennettsbridge under 7 team, stars of the future



## SLIEVERUE CAMOGIE

We had a successful year in the Camogie club this year entering teams in every grade from u6 right up to u14. It was the first year competing in Gaelic football



Under 12 Camogie



Under 10 Camogie

and had teams playing in both u12 and u14 grade, this was a fantastic experience for the girls to get the opportunity to play and to learn the new skills that come with it. The U8 Camogie team had an excellent year. They played 16 matches throughout and the girls did really well in all of them. The under 10s camogie team also had a great year. All the girls put in a huge effort this year, which could be seen in the performances - the level of commitment and willingness to work hard and learn is a credit to them. Our u12 girls had a great season and started strong with plenty of matches in both camogie and football, we gained new players as the season went on and now have a panel of over 20 girls which is a win in itself at any age. We finished the season strong with a few fantastic results in the mini league and look forward to playing in the finals day in the coming weeks.

This was only our 2nd year at u14 level which was challenging in itself and huge thanks to the u12 players that helped us out fielding a team. The girls improved immensely despite the weather impacting ability to train and juggling of matches. Great to get some scores on the board and a win in the last match that was so well deserved. Great to see the girl committed to playing at an age where drop off is an issue.



## SLIEVERUE HURLING

2023 was another busy year for the juvenile section of the club, with almost 200 children registered and teams fielded from nursery level up to under 17.



Under 11 Boys



Under 13 Boys

We fielded an u13 football team for the first time in many years, and the lads performed very creditably with some fine performances and results. On the hurling front our younger teams took part in countless matches, tournaments and blitzes all over the county and beyond.

We ran our own parish league again and it was a great success and now a central part of the Club calendar. We also hosted the Eamonn O'Donovan tournament again, which is an important day to help mark Eamonn's huge contribution to the club, made all the more memorable by Slieverue coming out on top for the first time in a number of years.

Our under 13, 15 and 17 teams took part in the county league and championships with the under 13 team coming up narrowly short against Dunnamaggin in the county semi-final, while the minor team reached the shield final.